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1. SOURCES AT MITI AND THE JAPAN PHOSPHATIC & COMPOUND
FERTILIZERS MANUFACTURERES' ASSOCIATION HAVE PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON REFTEL A QUESTIONS:
A) AMMONIUM PHOSPHATES; BTN NO. 31.05-210, (MONOAMMONIUM
AND DIAMMONIUM ORTHOPHOSPHATES AS WELL AS OTHER GOODS CON-
SISTING PRIMARILY OF AMMONIUM PHOSPHATES.)
LIQUID PHOSPHORIC ACID; BTN NO. 28.10 (PHOSPHORUS
PENTOXIDE AND PHOSPHORIC ACIDS). DEPENDING ON CHEMICAL
CONTENT, OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS MIGHT ALSO APPLY.
B) MITI INTENDS TO LIMIT IMPORTS OF THE ABOVE MATERIALS
TO WITHIN 10-20 PERCENT OF DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS
FOR FERTILIZER YEAR 1977 (7/77-6/78). FIGURES QUOTED REFTEL
A WERE NOT CONFIRMED BY MITI; THEIR FINAL FIGURES ARE NOT
YET AVAILABLE.
C) IN FERTILIZER YEAR 1976, JAPANESE DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS FOR AMMONIUM PHOSPHATES WERE
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324,000 METRIC TONS, AND THOSE FOR LIQUID PHOSPHORIC ACIDS
CAME TO 377,000 METRIC TONS.

D) AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE IMPORTS (IN METRIC TONS).

FERTILIZER YEAR	USA	WORLD
1974	76,211	95,280
1975	65,979	80,663
1976	172,427	199,927

SINCE LIQUID PHOSPHORIC ACID IS A NEW PRODUCT, THERE ARE NOT YET ANY IMPORT FIGURES FOR IT.

E) FOR NOW, MITI PLANS TO EXERCISE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE THROUGH INFORMAL, ORAL APPROACHES TO INDIVIDUAL FERTILIZER MANUFACTURERS, REQUESTING THEIR COOPERATION IN LIMITING IMPORTS TO THE 10-20 PERCENT OF CONSUMPTION RANGE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

2. RE PARA 3 OF REFTEL A: ACCORDING TO MITI, THE PURPOSE OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE IS TO ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS OF PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZERS TO LIMIT THEIR IMPORT OF SECONDARY PHOSPHATE PRODUCTS. (I.E., AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE AND LIQUID PHOSPHORIC ACID) IN ORDER NOT TO SERIOUSLY INJURE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS OF THESE MATERIALS. IN THIS WAY, MITI IS AT THE SAME TIME ENCOURAGING THE IMPORT OF ROCK PHOSPHATE (THE PRIMARY MATERIAL FOR PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZER - SEE REFTEL B). THESE MEASURES ARE APPARENTLY PART OF MITI'S PLANS FOR ITS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE AND REORGANIZATION FOR "STRUCTURALLY DEPRESSED INDUSTRIES", AMONG WHICH IS THAT FOR CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS. MITI DOES NOT FEEL THAT ITS ACTION ON PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZER MATERIALS IS "TRADE RESTRICTIVE", AND HAS NOT THEREFORE CONSIDERED EITHER NOTIFICATION OR JUSTIFICATION UNDER GATT. MANSFIELD

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